

EVERYTHING AT SEA

Whether Populists Will Indorse ~~It~~
Still Uncertain



BRYAN'S NEBRASKA FRIENDS HOPE FOR

Situation at St. Louis Like That at Chicago

OPPOSITION TO THE LEADERS

Special From a Staff Correspondent.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 21.—The conservative forces of this assemblage of populists are represented by Senator Stewart, Senator Peffer, Senator Allen, Jerry Simpson, General Weaver, "Calamity" Weller and such men. By the great bulk of delegates these men are regarded as too conservative, and that they are more or less under suspicion of having got out of touch with the people. This better than anything else shows the temper of the populist convention and indicates the class of men who compose it. "Cyclone Davis" is about

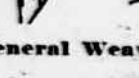


Senator Marion Butler.

the stamp of leader to satisfy the average delegate. "Cyclone" is as "far advanced" beyond Senator Stewart and "Calamity" Waller as those two are beyond Senators Hear of Massachusetts and Vilas of Wisconsin on the road toward radicalism.

There is a strong parallel between the situation here and that in Chicago. Nearly all the old-time leaders are on one side pulling with all their might, while a majority of the delegates are on the other and are not disposed to acknowledge any leadership. It amounts to more than a difference of opinion as to what is best to be done. There is a positive antagonism full of bitterness between the two factions. The populist extremists regard the putting of the enemy on a populist basis as

A black and white portrait of a man with a mustache, wearing a suit and bow tie, looking slightly to the left. The portrait is framed by a decorative border.



General Weaver.


mands. They have worked themselves up to a sort of frenzy of "reform" until they see a prospect of the realization of their wildest dreams.

Apparently this element is in the majority, but they are without any effective organization and have no real leaders. Nearly every man who has figured prominently in a national way as a populist leader is holding back in the traces and trying to keep the wagon from running down hill too fast, and they being belabored with clubs by those who want to see the wheels go round faster. Some of the local agitators actually froth at the mouth and execute a war dance around Puffer and Stewart, accusing them of

being deficient in the true faith. The leaders are accused of trying to sacrifice the glorious dream of the populists in the interest of silver. It is by no means certain that the leaders will be able to control this convention any more than the leaders at the Chicago convention were able to control that.

Leaders Favor Indorsement.

The situation is too much mixed for it to be possible even for those who are nearest to the confidence of the crowd to come to any conclusion as to what is going to happen.



Gen. J. S. Coxey.

western populists are going to indorse Bryan and Sewall, and that the well-known populist leaders are going to co-operate

Whether they will be a minority or a majority of the populist convention is still a matter of doubt, and it is uncertain whether there will be a bolt, though one is probable. Nothing can be accomplished in the line of a compromise which secures the